

Aug 10, 1846

Congress established the Smithsonian Institution with Smithsonian's money (a bequest).

On Aug 10, 1976 a newly cast bell (Whitechapel Bell Foundry of London) will ring noon 12 times on D.F.L.A.T.

Whitechapel also cast the 1st Liberty Bell, Big Ben, and the new

York Stock Exchange Bell.

It has been going for 576 yrs.

\$40,000 bell is gift of the A. T. Cross Co.

Brass Bell 27 in hi - 34 in dia.
82P#

1846 ±

Egypt had 5 M acres of Farmland
and 5 M Citizens.

^{Dec} Now 1996 it has 7 M acres of Farmland
and 60 M Citizens. Only 3% of Egypt's
land is arable.

Every 9 mos there are nearly
1 M more Egyptians to feed

1846-1848

Mexico

War with US ended in Treaty
of GUADALUPE HIDALGO, by which
Mexico lost a large block of
territory.

2-26-1846

Wild West frontiersman - turned -
showman William F. "Buffalo
Bill" Cody was born in Scout
County, Dorra.

1846

California and New Mexico annexed
by U.S.

Bright Young led Mormons to Great
Salt Lake.

1846

Failure of potato crop in Ireland (began 1845)
causes famine.
U. S. declared war on Mexico.

1846-1849

FAMINE IN IRELAND

The staple diet in the early 1840's was the potato. 2 million depended on potatoes. The early summer of 1845 was fine & warm; then came plentiful rain in August. Then quite suddenly, blighted potatoes blackened and decayed. - a parasitic fungus which flourished in the wet weather. There was an unbearable stench. Within 6 mos 3/4 of Ireland's potato crop had been destroyed.

The 1846 crop utterly failed. So many died from starvation that there were not enough coffins and the bodies were buried tied up in straw. Then a TYPHUS epidemic raged through the country.

Some towns reported 100 to 150 deaths a day. By 1847 there was a flood of emigrants to the U.S. and Canada. Ship after ship arrived in Montreal, disgorging hundreds of sick and destitute Irish, many died on the wharves. Dublin lost more than 1/4 of her population through starvation, disease and emigration.

1846-1849

POTATO FALUNE in IRELAND

1846-1847

J. Pinckney Henderson was
governor of the state of Texas.

1846

Neptune was discovered.
It makes 1 orbit around the Sun
every 165 years.